

**WISCONSIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**

November 7, 2016

The Wisconsin Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights convened a public meeting via conference call on Monday, November 7, 2016. The meeting was recorded and open to the public from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM CST.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

- Berlinski, Heather
- Bleecker, Naheed (Chair)
- Driscoll, Robert
- Hansen, Lee
- Rae, Jason
- Tisdale, William

Absent:

- Bradley, Rebecca
- Diaz-Bautista, Elsa
- Harris, Angelique
- Kelly, Daniel
- Means, Demond
- Pontynen, Arthur
- Shelton-Williams, Dawn
- Taeuber, Stacy
- Thao, May yer
- Xiong, Yang

Commission Staff Present:

- Wojnaroski, Melissa (DFO)
- Moreno, Victoria (Intern)
- Wilks, Olivia (Intern)

Members of the Public Present:

There were no members of the public present.

Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:

The Wisconsin State Advisory Committee met to discuss themes and findings from the 2013 and 2016 transcripts of the public hearings on hate crimes in Wisconsin in order to guide the preparation of a first draft of the report.

The main points brought up by Committee members included:

- Confirmation that one report would be produced from the transcripts of the two hearings with a focus on various themes as they relate to hate crimes rather than a chronological summary of events. Background information on the two hearings and a description of the panels will be presented in the Introduction.
- Suggestion that the report emphasize the challenge of police officers not registering hate crimes. This should be added to the "Victim Underreporting" section in 3.c. Training for police officers in this regard should be discussed within "Law Enforcement Training" in 3.d.

- Discussion on differentiating sexual orientation and gender identity and the extent to which they are covered (or not) under federal and state hate crime protections.
- Discussion of protected categories included in other jurisdictions (for example, on some University campuses) and the extent to which (1) they may or may not be appropriate more broadly; or (2) they may raise free speech concerns
- Discussion on the challenge of identifying an act as a hate crime versus a hate incident and how such difference should be highlighted within the report.
- Suggestion that data should be added to reflect number of reported hate crimes in 2016, and any notable change in recent years.
- Recommendation that a section on restorative justice be added to 3.d. as a solution.
- A partial draft of the report will be distributed to committee members in December via e-mail and further changes to the outline as a result of their review will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in January 2017 via conference call, and a poll will be distributed via e-mail to confirm the date.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm (CDT).